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Modernisation of Equipments in Textile Industry
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government to modernise equipments/machinery in textile industry and the amount spent for the purpose during each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether most of the existing machinery presently in use is obsolete and inefficient and only geared to the production of cotton textiles and cannot be used for manufacturing synthetics and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the demand for synthetics vis a vis cotton and the steps being taken to address the increasing demand?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a): The Ministry of Textiles introduced the Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS), in 1999 to catalyze investments in all the sub-sectors of textiles and jute industry for technology up-gradation of the machinery by way of interest reimbursement and capital subsidy. The scheme has been extended from time to time and the existing Amended Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (ATUFS) has come into effect on 13.01.2016.

The details of the subsidy released under TUFS during the last three years and current year are given below:-

(Rs. in crore)
2013-14 2014-15 2015-16 2016-17 (As on date
Subsidy under TUFS 1730.00 1884.31 1393.19 1746.62

(b) & (c): As per a recent study, the TUF scheme has helped to modernize and improve the technology level of the industry. The modernized spinning segment manufactures cotton yarn, blended yarn and 100% non-cotton yarn. In Technical Textiles segment most of the production is based on using of synthetic fibres. Further, the weaving, processing and garmenting machines upgraded under TUFS are used for manufacturing cotton as well as synthetic fabrics.

The domestic delivery of cotton yarn and man-made fibre/filament yarn as per statistical returns received from the units/mills by the office of Textile Commissioner, Mumbai are as given below:

Year Cotton yarn(Mn Kgs) Man-made Fibre(Mn Kgs) Man-made Filament yarn(Mn Kgs)
2013-14 2854 1327 1283
2014-15 2997 1343 1229
2015-16 3128 1351 1151
Technical Textiles manufacturing, which is based on specialized manmade fibre is provided subsidy of 15% under the ATUFS Scheme. Steps are taken to reduce import duties on certain specialized man made fibre, not manufactured in India.

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